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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 16, 2010**. After another week of favorable weather, the planting season in Mississippi is beginning to draw to a close. Storms did blow through, mainly in the north, but their effects were not enough to heavily delay fieldwork across the state. Many farmers are hopeful for another clear week to wrap up their planting. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 24 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending May 16, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	100	99	100	100
Corn, emerged	98	96	98	99
Cotton, planted	77	51	51	66
Cotton, emerged	47	30	38	48
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	77	54	59	60
Peanuts, planted	31	8	34	38
Rice, planted	96	88	78	90
Rice, emerged	83	74	70	83
Sorghum, planted	82	78	64	81
Sorghum, emerged	75	59	39	68
Soybeans, planted	85	75	72	84
Soybeans, emerged	71	61	66	75
Watermelons, planted	96	94	98	96
Winter Wheat, heading	99	97	100	100
Winter Wheat, mature	9	--	10	13

Crop condition for week ending May 16, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	0	8	79	13
Corn	0	4	21	52	23
Livestock	3	10	27	47	13
Pasture	3	15	30	44	8
Rice	0	1	20	63	16
Sorghum	0	0	19	76	5
Soybeans	0	4	21	61	14
Watermelons	0	0	28	61	11
Winter Wheat	0	4	23	59	14

Comments

“Most of the planting is out of the way, so the rain this weekend was much appreciated.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Rains ranged from one half to three inches. Crops look pretty good, but we need to get rid of the weeds.”

— Don Respons, Quitman

“Recent drier weather has allowed some field activities to continue. Many farmers are still in the process of repairing damaged levees in some bottom land and replacing more culverts that were blown out of ditches, all due to the flooding.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Significant acres of corn and soybeans will be replanted due to stand losses related to recent flooding and saturated soils. Incidences of insects and diseases have been few in winter wheat.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Good weather this past week allowed most farmers to complete their planting activities, with the exception of some limited replanting needed and a few odd spots. Many corn growers turned their irrigation systems on this past week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“All crops are completely planted except for fields being precision leveled at this time. We should be completely through planting by the first of June. All crops are beginning to grow in a normal manner after the cooler than average weather.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Farmers have made significant progress in planting since last week; however, present rains will produce delays in completion of planting cotton and soybeans.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Showers helped crops, but we need some time to clean up. Planting is almost finished.”
— Don Respass, Coahoma

“We had excellent weather last week to plant soybeans and fertilize pastures and hay fields.”
— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Most growers are through with planting cotton. We still have a little to plant by growers who are spread over two or more counties, and a few beans are left to plant.”
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Soil moisture remains surplus due to rain over the weekend.”
— Romona O. Edge, Itawamba

“Scattered rains in the county slowed fieldwork in some areas. Overall, crops are in good condition.”
— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Fieldwork is on and off with weekly rains. Commodity crops look good with little damage from flooding. Diseases have been light thus far.”
— Dr. Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Weekend rains were much welcomed on pastures and corn. Wheat looks in good shape, and the harvest will begin soon. We finally received some much needed rain.”
— Mark Mowdy, Franklin

“Rain amounts ranged from one-twentieth to one inch this weekend. Ryegrass hay harvest is complete. We need to keep soil moisture to help promote growth of summer grasses. Corn looks real good.”
— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“The cool season hay harvest continues, with about 75 to 80% harvested. Two weeks of dry weather and all cool season hay will be harvested. Blueberry growers indicate that they will begin harvesting lead berries by the last week of May. Warm day and night time temperatures are causing berries to mature and ripen much faster. Growers are excited because they have a bumper crop!”
— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 16, 2010									
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	88	50	73	71	2	1.40	0.28	3	7.15
Cleveland	92	55	74	71	3	0.56	-0.70	3	2.44
Lambert 1W	90	49	71			1.30	-0.03	2	6.96
Tunica 2N	89	52	73	70	3	1.65	0.32	4	4.53
Extreme/Average	92	49	73	70	3	1.23	-0.03	3	5.27
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	87	49	70	68	2	1.37	0.11	2	10.07
Calhoun City	88	53	71	69	2	0.64	-0.62	2	5.60
Hickory Flat	87	48	69	67	2	0.71	-0.55	3	7.80
Holly Springs 4N	88	48	70	66	4	0.97	-0.29	3	11.54
Independence	86	50	71	68	3	1.82	0.56	3	10.65
Oxford	89	50	71	68	3	1.26	-0.07	4	6.13
Water Valley	87	49	67	68	-1	0.57	-0.69	1	6.09
Extreme/Average	89	48	70	68	2	1.05	-0.21	3	8.27
Northeast									
Booneville	85	49	68	67	1	0.82	-0.65	2	10.18
Corinth 7SW	88	50	70	70		0.52	-0.81	2	13.86
Iuka	87	46	68	65	3	1.63	0.16	2	3.31
Tupelo 2	88	50	71			1.02	0.00	3	5.67
Pontotoc Exp Stn	87	49	69	69	0	1.08	-0.11	3	5.21
Verona	90	51	74	69	5	0.15	-0.93	2	4.75
Extreme/Average	90	46	70	68	2	0.87	-0.47	2	7.16
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	88	52	72	71	1	0.75	-0.72	3	5.46
Moorhead	89	54	74	72	2	0.21	-1.01	3	6.52
Rolling Fork	91	56	75	71	4	0.77	-0.42	1	2.75
Yazoo City	90	60	78	72	6	0.25	-1.06	1	2.86
Extreme/Average	91	52	75	72	3	0.50	-0.80	2	4.91
Central									
Canton 4N	88	53	73	71	2	0.94	-0.41	1	2.39
Eupora 2E	88	48	72	69	3	0.31	-0.88	1	10.34
Forest 3S	87	46	72	70	2	0.75	-0.36	1	3.01
Winona 5E	86	48	72	66	6	0.05	-1.12	1	10.32
Extreme/Average	88	46	72	70	2	0.51	-0.71	1	2.70
East-Central									
Aberdeen	87	51	71	69	2	0.83	-0.43	2	5.35
Columbus	90	51	74	70	4	2.06	1.14	3	6.15
Macon	88	50	70	69	1	0.53	-0.48	2	0.72
Philadelphia	88	48	73	70	3	0.35	-0.86	1	2.68
State University	90	52	73	69	4	0.22	-0.90	2	6.35
Extreme/Average	90	48	72	70	2	0.80	-0.39	2	5.13
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	88	54	75	71	4	0.30	-0.98	1	1.93
Crystal Springs	89	47	73	72	1	0.05	-1.02	1	0.92
Natchez	91	56	77	72	5	0.75	-0.51	1	1.56
Oakley Exp	85	58	72	71	1	0.00	-1.07	0	2.48
Port Gibson 1NE	91	58	76	70	6	0.39	-0.87	1	1.52
Vicksburg	91	54	76			0.84	0.00	2	2.02
Extreme/Average	91	47	75	72	3	0.39	-0.87	1	1.70
South-Central									
Collins	87	52	73	70	3	0.10	-1.27	1	1.70
Columbia	90	56	76	72	4	0.12	-1.14	1	4.10
Monticello	94	50	76	71	5	0.00	-1.40	0	0.04
Raleigh 6N	87	51	71			0.00	0.00	0	2.35
Extreme/Average	94	50	74	72	2	0.06	-1.24	1	2.05
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	87	53	74	72	2	0.30	-0.93	1	2.65
Laurel	90	53	74	71	3	0.02	-1.22	1	2.42
Newton Exp	89	50	73	69	4	0.46	-0.49	1	3.72
Waynesboro 2W	92	52	76	70	6	0.00	-1.16	0	2.98
Extreme/Average	92	50	74	71	3	0.20	-0.92	1	2.94
Coastal									
Biloxi	82	60	75	74	1	4.55	3.29	2	10.57
Wiggins	87	56	75	72	3	0.40	-0.79	1	2.59
Extreme/Average	87	56	75	73	2	2.48	1.15	2	10.57
State	94	46	73	71	2	0.72	-0.52	2	4.67

DFN = Departure from Normal.